



- 1-15..... Emphasis on Prayer Walking for the start of school.
- 5..... Plant Midwest Quarterly Mtg, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 5 or 19.. Ministers' Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Ministry Center
- 7-11..... Washington Town & Country Fair
- 9..... Youth Back To School Retreat, Spring Bluff Retreat Center
- 12..... Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., M. C.
- 13..... Youth Leaders Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Ministry Center
- 17..... WMU/WOM Meeting, Tea Party,  
10:00 a.m., Mt. Calvary



- 1-30..... Rheubin L. South Missouri Missions Month
- 2..... Labor Day—Office Closed
- 6-7..... DR Training, Fellowship Baptist Church, 1801 Ables Rd., Sikeston, MO 63801
- 9..... Ministers' Mtg., 10:30 a.m., Ministry Center
- 10..... Youth Leaders Mtg., 6:00 p.m., Ministry Center
- 13..... Youth Event, Swing Around Fun Town (tentatively)
- 24..... Small Town Pastors Mtg., TBA
- 25..... See You At The Pole and Youth Rally, M.C.
- 29..... Associational Annual Meeting,  
Central Baptist Church, Eureka
- 30-Oct. 1...SENT Conference, MBU St. Louis

**WEEKLY CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS**

As we continue our prayer emphasis for our associational churches, our associational staff invites you to join in prayer each week to pray for the listed churches. Please pray for the following churches each week of August.



- August 4: New Beginnings and New Chapel Hill
- August 11: New Friendship and New Hope
- August 18: Oak Grove and Pacific
- August 25: Pacific Heights and Prospect

**BACK TO SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT**  
(For students entering 7th-12 grades)

**AUGUST 9, 6:00 pm—Midnight**

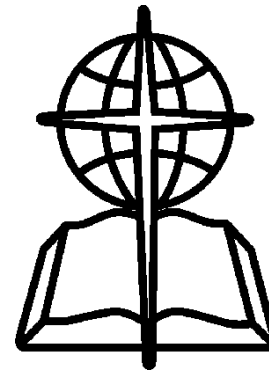
**SPRING BLUFF RETREAT CENTER**  
\$10 per person (due with registration form)  
Register through your church

**(WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION)**

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- COMPASS MINISTRIES
- EVERGREEN
- FAITH
- GRACE
- GRAY SUMMIT, FBC
- GREEN MOUND
- LIGHTHOUSE
- MEMORIAL
- MT. CALVARY
- NEW BEGINNINGS
- NEW CHAPEL HILL
- NEW FRIENDSHIP
- NEW HOPE
- OAK GROVE
- OUTREACH (now Ridge at Leslie)
- PACIFIC
- PACIFIC HEIGHTS
- PROSPECT
- REEDVILLE Ministry of Sullivan Ridge
- RIDGE CHURCH at GERALD
- RIDGE CHURCH at LESLIE  
(former Outreach)
- RIDGE CHURCH at PACIFIC
- RIDGE CHURCH at SULLIVAN
- RIDGE CHURCH at UNION
- RIDGE CHURCH at VILLA RIDGE
- ROSE HILL MISSIONARY
- STANTON, FBC
- ST. CLAIR, FBC
- ST. CLAIR SOUTHERN
- SHILOH
- SPRING BLUFF
- TEMPLE
- UNION, FBC
- VIRGINIA MINES
- WASHINGTON, FBC

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FRANKLIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

August 12 – 7:00 p.m.

Ministry Center

The agenda will include presentation of the proposed budget.

**Annual Meeting**  
September 29, 2024  
**Central Baptist Church**

**One Session Only ..... 2:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Opening Worship and Message by: Mike Royal**  
Pastor of Charrette Baptist

Organization and Committee Reports, Budget Approval

**Closing Worship and Message by: Monty Shinkle**  
Former Pastor of Concord Baptist in Jefferson City & Washington FBC

**“Annual Meeting Messengers”** - This association shall be composed of the: Director of Missions, pastors and messengers elected by the churches. Each church shall be allowed four messengers and churches with more than one hundred members, one additional messenger for each additional hundred members or major fraction thereof, not to exceed 10 messengers. (Messengers are in addition to pastors.)

***From the Director of Missions...***

Where has summer gone already? Here we are already heading into August and in just a few weeks another school year will start. As I write this article, we have finished our Boys and Girls Camps, and Youth Camp just started. Day Camp will take place next week. All our Camps have had full or near full capacity registrations!! Due to reaching campground capacity in children and youth camps, we are looking at trying to add a Junior High Camp next year, if we can find the enough volunteers for that. If interested in helping, please contact our office or a current camp director. We had at least 10 professions of faith and other spiritual decisions by campers so far this summer, and likely will have more during Youth and Day Camp. Praise the Lord for working in the hearts of our children and youth!! We will report complete statistics of our camps in next month's newsletter.

I want to especially thank all those who volunteered their precious time to work during the camps. Whether as Director, teacher, counselor, cooks, event leaders or one of the many other helpers, it is only with everyone's help that we can conduct these life-changing camps. I also want to thank all those who helped get and keep the campgrounds and buildings ready for camp use. And a very special thanks to Bob and Loretta Murphy, our Camp Caretakers, our Camp Committee and many others who volunteered many hours this past several months working to maintain and improve the campgrounds. The Bible teaches you will have great reward in heaven for all you have given for Christ's Kingdom!!

In early August we will be finalizing our plans and budget for the new associational year which begins September 1. We will also be working to fill committee positions. If you have suggestions for the budget or committee positions, please let us know by August 5. Also this month, our association will again be sponsoring a booth for ministry outreach to the thousands who attend the Washington Fair August 7-11. Several of our churches are helping coordinate, operate and fund this effort. We will be sharing the gospel in creative ways and distributing gospel tracts and information about our churches. It would be good to have more churches and individuals help with this major outreach effort. If you could help work in the booth, or donate funds for this, please call our office by August 1.

I want to encourage your church to make good plans for promoting and receiving the Rhuebin South State Missions offering during September. I challenge each church to set a giving goal larger than their receipts for last year's offering. This offering helps fund many greatly needed state missions projects, such as the summer missionary program, church planting funds, Disaster Relief and benevolent and educational programs. In addition to state mission projects, 10% of the total state missions offering from our association churches is returned directly back to our association to use for various mission projects and needs in our association area, such as fair ministry, block parties, church leadership trainings, special mission projects, etc. Last year that amounted to over \$2500 to our association.

Blessed to serve in His Kingdom! Brother Jim

**FBA FINANCIAL UPDATE**

We want to thank you for your continued generous financial support for our joint association missions work. Your giving helps strengthen and assist our churches' joint efforts in reaching our area with the gospel. **If your church significantly changes current contribution** levels, please share that with our office so we can make plans accordingly. Our lot debt is now paid. PTL! Any future principal donations will be credited to Ministry Center Improvements

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**JUNE FINANCE REPORT**

Monthly Budget Requirement:	\$18,145
June Budget Contributions:	\$ 8,836
June Building Debt Receipts/Payment:	\$ 693
<b>Total Budget &amp; Building Receipts for June:</b>	<b>\$ 9,329</b>
<b>Budget and Building Receipts—Since Sept. 1:</b>	<b>\$139,483</b>
<b>Ending Checking Balance, 06/30/24:</b>	<b>\$ 50,828</b>
<b>Outstanding Lot Debt:</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**FBA COMMITTEE & BUDGET SUGGESTIONS**

In July and August we will be finalizing our plans and budget for the new associational year which begins September 1. We will also soon be working to fill committee positions. If you have any suggestions for the budget or for committee positions, please contact our office by August 5.

\*Please check our association website and Facebook page for any updates.

**WOMEN ON MISSION MEETING**

**Saturday, August 17, 10:00 A.M.**

**“A Christmas Tea In August”**

**Speaker: Julie Norris  
Franklin Baptist Association WMU Director**

**Held at: Mt. Calvary Baptist Church  
4390 Hwy N, Robertsville 63072**

**Please bring a new Christmas gift or toy for the residents at Turning Point or gift card for a teen.**

***Camp News/Needs***

Thank you to the churches and individuals that collected paper products for the camp. Lost items from camp will be available after August 1 at the Ministry Center. Please come and pick them up ASAP. Items include, but are not limited to, sleeping bags, towels and swim suits.

Also, we are still in need of volunteers to help with general cleaning, grass mowing, and several painting and small repair projects.

**CAMP RESERVATIONS** – Churches please call the association office as soon as possible if you would like to schedule a date(s) to use our Retreat Center.

**CAMP POOL RENOVATION/REPLACEMENT FUND/CAMPAIGN**

The Messengers at the FBA Semi-Annual Meeting approved conducting an official campaign in the next six months to promote and encourage donations and pledges for our camp pool fund. Our goal is to do pool replacement/renovation OF OUR OVER 60 YEAR OLD POOL in the next couple years, pending funding.

It is estimated to cost \$50,000 to \$200,000 for this need, depending whether renovating or replace. Please prayerfully consider this special need. Donations should be over and above regular association giving and designated as “Pool Fund”. **\$8,157 received to date.**

**VBS REPORTS & RESOURCES**

Please submit your VBS Reports to the association office and to the state convention, even if you did not use the Life-Way VBS material.

If you have extra VBS material or used material that is in good shape, or if you need VBS materials, please call the association office.

**ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN AN ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS CANTATA. PRACTICES WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER. PERFORMANCES WILL BE AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF UNION ON DECEMBER 13 AND 14.

***Church News***

**PASTORLESS CHURCH:** Calvary, Calvey, New Friendship, Oak Grove and St. Clair FBC. Please pray for these churches while they search for a pastor. Feel free to recommend candidates for pastor.

**Oak Grove** — Recently voted to have Creig Scott serve as their Associate Pastor. Congratulations and God's blessing!

**ASSOCIATION FAIR MINISTRY**

We are again planning to have an evangelism booth at the Washington Town & Country Fair, August 7-11. If you or your church would be interested in participating in helping to sponsor/man a day at the fair, please contact the association office, ASAP.

**SBC ASSAULT AND ABUSE RESOURCE FOR CHURCHES:**

**“ESSENTIALS: Sexual Abuse, Prevention, and Response”, a downloadable training and resource guide. Can be accessed at following the website:**

**[www.sbcabuseprevention.com](http://www.sbcabuseprevention.com)**

**Block Party Trailer available to churches.**

It is scheduled through our office.

**CHURCH CLERKS**

The 2023-2024 ACP's will be mailed out soon. They will need to be completed and returned before August 30. Please call the association office if you have questions concerning the ACP.

**Also, names and pictures of church members** who died during the current association year need to be submitted to our office so they can be included in our memorial listing at the Annual Meeting.